

# The Book of Joel



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1 The LORD's<sup>1</sup> word came to Joel, the son of Pethuel.

Hear this, you elders,

and listen, all you inhabitants of the land!

Has this ever happened in your days,

or in your fathers' days?

Tell your children about it,

and have your children tell their children,

and their children another generation.

What the locust has left, the great locust has eaten.

What the great locust has left, the grasshopper has eaten.

<sup>1</sup> + 1:1 When rendered in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS, "LORD" or "GOD" is the translation of God's Proper Name.

What the grasshopper has left, the caterpillar has eaten.

Wake up, you drunkards, and weep!

Wail, all you drinkers, because of the sweet wine,

for it is cut off from your mouth.

For a nation has come upon my land, and without number.

His teeth are the teeth of a lion,

and he has the fangs of a lioness.

He has laid my vine waste,

and stripped my fig tree.

He has stripped its bark, and thrown it away.

Its branches are made white.

8Mourn|strong = "H5921" like|strong = "H5921" a|strong = "H5921"  
 virgin|strong = "H1330" dressed in|strong = "H5921"  
 sackcloth|strong = "H8242"

f or|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" husband|strong = "H1167"  
 of|strong = "H5921" her|strong = "H5921" youth|strong = "H5271"!

9The|strong = "H3068" meal|strong = "H4503" offering|strong = "H4503"  
 and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" drink offering|strong = "H4503"  
 are|strong = "H3068" cut|strong = "H3772" off|strong = "H3772"  
 from|strong = "H3772" the|strong = "H3068" LORD's|strong = "H3068"  
 house|strong = "H1004".

T he|strong = "H3068" priests|strong = "H3548", the|strong = "H3068"  
 LORD's|strong = "H3068" ministers|strong = "H8334",  
 mourn|strong = "H0056".

10The|strong = "H3588" field|strong = "H7704" is|strong = "H0127" laid  
 waste|strong = "H7703".

T he|strong = "H3588" land|strong = "H0127" mourns|strong = "H0056",  
 for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588" grain|strong = "H1715"  
 is|strong = "H0127" destroyed|strong = "H7703",

T he|strong = "H3588" new|strong = "H8492" wine|strong = "H8492"  
 has|strong = "H3588" dried|strong = "H3001" up|strong = "H3001",

a nd|strong = "H7704" the|strong = "H3588" oil|strong = "H3323"  
 languishes|strong = "H0535".

11Be|strong = "H3588" confounded|strong = "H0954",  
 you|strong = "H3588" farmers|strong = "H0406"!

W ail|strong = "H3213", you|strong = "H3588" vineyard keepers,

f or|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H5921" wheat|strong = "H2406"  
 and|strong = "H0954" for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H5921"  
 barley|strong = "H8184";

f or|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H5921" harvest|strong = "H7105"  
 of|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" field|strong = "H7704"  
 has|strong = "H3588" perished|strong = "H0006".

12The **vine** has **dried** up, and the **fig** tree withered—

the **pomegranate** tree, the **palm** tree also, and the **apple** tree,

even all of the **trees** of the **field** withered;

for **joy** has withered away from the **sons** of **men**.

13Put on **sackcloth** and **mourn**, you **priests**!

**W**ail, you **ministers** of the **altar**.

**C**ome, lie all night in **sackcloth**, you **ministers** of **my** **God**,

for the **meal** offering and the **drink** offering are withheld from your **God's** house.

14Sanctify a **fast**.

**C**all a **solemn** assembly.

<sup>2</sup>+ 1:13 The Hebrew word rendered “God” is “□□□□□□□□” (Elohim).



**G**ather|strong = "H0622" the|strong = "H3605" elders|strong = "H2205"  
 and|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"  
 inhabitants|strong = "H3427" of|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H3605"  
 land|strong = "H0776" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605"  
 house|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H3605"  
 LORD|strong = "H3068", your|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H0430",

**a** nd|strong = "H3068" cry|strong = "H2199" to|strong = "H0413"  
 the|strong = "H3605" LORD|strong = "H3068".

15Alas|strong = "H0162" for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588"  
 day|strong = "H3117"!

**F**or|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588" day|strong = "H3117"  
 of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3588" LORD|strong = "H3068"  
 is|strong = "H3068" at|strong = "H3068" hand|strong = "H7138",

**a** nd|strong = "H0935" it|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H3068"  
 come|strong = "H0935" as|strong = "H0935" destruction|strong = "H7701"  
 from|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3588" Almighty|strong = "H7706".

16Isn't|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H3772" food|strong = "H0400"  
 cut|strong = "H3772" off|strong = "H3772" before|strong = "H5048"  
 our|strong = "H0430" eyes|strong = "H5869",

**j**oy|strong = "H8057" and|strong = "H0430" gladness|strong = "H8057"  
 from|strong = "H3772" the|strong = "H3772" house|strong = "H1004"  
 of|strong = "H1004" our|strong = "H0430" God|strong = "H0430"?

17The|strong = "H3588" seeds|strong = "H6507" rot  
 under|strong = "H8478" their|strong = "H3588" clods|strong = "H4053".

**T**he|strong = "H3588" granaries are|strong = "H0214"  
 laid|strong = "H8074" desolate|strong = "H8074".

**T**he|strong = "H3588" barns|strong = "H4460" are|strong = "H0214"  
 broken|strong = "H2040" down|strong = "H2040", for|strong = "H3588"  
 the|strong = "H3588" grain|strong = "H1715" has|strong = "H3588"  
 withered|strong = "H3001".

18How|strong = "H4100" the|strong = "H3588" animals|strong = "H0929"  
 groan|strong = "H0584"!

The herds of livestock are perplexed, because they have no pasture.

Yes, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

19LORD, I cry to you,

for the fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness,

and the flame has burnt all the trees of the field.

20Yes, the animals of the field pant to you,

for the water brooks have dried up,

and the fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

2Blow the trumpet in Zion,

and sound the alarm in my holy mountain!

L et all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"  
inhabitants|strong = "H3427" of|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H3605"  
land|strong = "H0776" tremble|strong = "H7264",

f or|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605" day|strong = "H3117"  
of|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H3605" LORD|strong = "H3068"  
comes|strong = "H0935",

f or|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H3588" is|strong = "H3068"  
close|strong = "H7138" at|strong = "H3427" hand|strong = "H7138":

2A|strong = "H1961" day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117"  
darkness|strong = "H2822" and|strong = "H3117" gloominess,

a |strong = "H1961" day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117"  
clouds|strong = "H6051" and|strong = "H3117" thick|strong = "H6205"  
darkness|strong = "H2822".

A s|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H5921" dawn|strong = "H7837"  
spreading|strong = "H6566" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"  
mountains|strong = "H2022",

a |strong = "H1961" great|strong = "H7227" and|strong = "H3117"  
strong|strong = "H6099" people|strong = "H5971";

t here|strong = "H1961" has|strong = "H1961" never|strong = "H3808"  
been|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H5921" like|strong = "H3644",

n either|strong = "H3808" will|strong = "H1961" there|strong = "H1961"  
be|strong = "H1961" any|strong = "H4480" more|strong = "H4480"  
after|strong = "H0310" them|strong = "H5921",

e ven|strong = "H5704" to|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H5921"  
years|strong = "H8141" of|strong = "H3117" many|strong = "H7227"  
generations|strong = "H1755".

3A|strong = "H1961" fire|strong = "H0784" devours|strong = "H0398"  
before|strong = "H6440" them|strong = "H0310",

a nd|strong = "H0776" behind|strong = "H0310" them|strong = "H0310",  
a|strong = "H1961" flame|strong = "H3852" burns|strong = "H3857".

The land is  
as the garden  
of Eden before  
them,

and behind them,  
a desolate wilderness.

Yes, and no  
one has escaped  
them.

4Their appearance is  
as the appearance  
of horses,

and they run  
as horsemen.

5Like the noise  
of chariots on  
the tops of  
the mountains,  
they leap,

like the noise  
of a flame  
of fire that  
devours the stubble,

like a strong  
people set in  
battle  
array.

6At their presence  
the peoples are  
in anguish.

All faces have  
grown pale.

7They run like  
mighty men.

T hey|strong = "H0376" climb|strong = "H5927" the|strong = "H1870"  
wall|strong = "H2346" like|strong = "H3808" warriors|strong = "H1368".

T hey|strong = "H0376" each|strong = "H0376" march in|strong = "H0376"  
his|strong = "H0376" line|strong = "H1870", and|strong = "H0376"  
they|strong = "H0376" don't|strong = "H3808" swerve off|strong = "H5927"  
course|strong = "H1870".

8One|strong = "H0376" doesn't|strong = "H3808" jostle|strong = "H1766"  
another|strong = "H0251".

T hey|strong = "H0376" each|strong = "H0376" march in|strong = "H0376"  
their|strong = "H3808" own|strong = "H0376" path|strong = "H4546".

T hey|strong = "H0376" burst|strong = "H5307" through|strong = "H1157"  
the|strong = "H3808" defences

a nd|strong = "H0376" don't|strong = "H3808" break|strong = "H1214"  
ranks|strong = "H1214".

9They|strong = "H0935" rush|strong = "H8264" on|strong = "H0935"  
the|strong = "H0935" city|strong = "H5892".

T hey|strong = "H0935" run|strong = "H7323" on|strong = "H0935"  
the|strong = "H0935" wall|strong = "H2346".

T hey|strong = "H0935" climb|strong = "H5927" up|strong = "H5927"  
into|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H0935" houses|strong = "H1004".

T hey|strong = "H0935" enter|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H0935"  
at|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H0935" windows|strong = "H2474"  
like|strong = "H1004" thieves|strong = "H1590".

10The|strong = "H6440" earth|strong = "H0776" quakes|strong = "H7264"  
before|strong = "H6440" them|strong = "H6440".

T he|strong = "H6440" heavens|strong = "H8064"  
tremble|strong = "H7264".

T he|strong = "H6440" sun|strong = "H8121" and|strong = "H0776"  
the|strong = "H6440" moon|strong = "H3394" are|strong = "H8064"  
darkened,

**a** nd|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H6440" stars|strong = "H3556"  
withdraw|strong = "H0622" their|strong = "H6440" shining.

11The|strong = "H6440" LORD|strong = "H3068"  
thunders|strong = "H5414" his|strong = "H5414" voice|strong = "H6963"  
before|strong = "H6440" his|strong = "H5414" army|strong = "H4264",

**f** or|strong = "H3588" his|strong = "H5414" forces|strong = "H4264"  
are|strong = "H3117" very|strong = "H3966" great|strong = "H1419";

**f** or|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" is|strong = "H3068"  
strong|strong = "H6099" who|strong = "H4310" obeys|strong = "H6963"  
his|strong = "H5414" command|strong = "H1697";

**f** or|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H6440" day|strong = "H3117"  
of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H6440" LORD|strong = "H3068"  
is|strong = "H3068" great|strong = "H1419" and|strong = "H3068"  
very|strong = "H3966" awesome|strong = "H3372",

**a** nd|strong = "H3068" who|strong = "H4310" can|strong = "H4310"  
endure|strong = "H3557" it|strong = "H5414"?"

12"Yet|strong = "H1571" even|strong = "H1571" now|strong = "H6258",  
says|strong = "H5002" the|strong = "H3605" LORD|strong = "H3068",  
"turn|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H5704" me|strong = "H7725"  
with|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H3605" your|strong = "H3068"  
heart|strong = "H3824",

**a** nd|strong = "H3068" with|strong = "H3068" fasting|strong = "H6685",  
and|strong = "H3068" with|strong = "H3068" weeping|strong = "H1065",  
and|strong = "H3068" with|strong = "H3068" mourning|strong = "H4553".

13Tear|strong = "H7167" your|strong = "H3068" heart|strong = "H3824"  
and|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H0408" your|strong = "H3068"  
garments|strong = "H0899",

**a** nd|strong = "H3068" turn|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H0413"  
the|strong = "H5921" LORD|strong = "H3068", your|strong = "H3068"  
God|strong = "H0430";

**f** or|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H1931" is|strong = "H3068"  
gracious|strong = "H2587" and|strong = "H3068" merciful|strong = "H7349",

s low|strong = "H0750" to|strong = "H0413" anger|strong = "H0639",  
and|strong = "H3068" abundant|strong = "H7227" in|strong = "H5921" loving  
kindness|strong = "H2617",

a nd|strong = "H3068" relents|strong = "H5162" from|strong = "H7725"  
sending calamity|strong = "H7451".

14Who|strong = "H4310" knows|strong = "H3045"? He|strong = "H0310"  
may|strong = "H0430" turn|strong = "H7725" and|strong = "H3068"  
relent|strong = "H5162",

a nd|strong = "H3068" leave|strong = "H7604" a|strong = "H3068"  
blessing|strong = "H1293" behind|strong = "H0310" him|strong = "H0310",

e ven a|strong = "H3068" meal|strong = "H4503" offering|strong = "H4503"  
and|strong = "H3068" a|strong = "H3068" drink offering|strong = "H4503"  
to|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H3068" LORD|strong = "H3068",  
your|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H0430".

15Blow|strong = "H8628" the|strong = "H7121" trumpet|strong = "H7782"  
in|strong = "H7782" Zion|strong = "H6726"!

S anctify|strong = "H6942" a|strong = "H7121" fast|strong = "H6685".

C all|strong = "H7121" a|strong = "H7121" solemn|strong = "H6116"  
assembly|strong = "H6116".

16Gather|strong = "H6908" the|strong = "H3318" people|strong = "H5971".

S anctify|strong = "H6942" the|strong = "H3318"  
assembly|strong = "H6951".

A ssemble|strong = "H0622" the|strong = "H3318" elders|strong = "H2205".

G ather|strong = "H6908" the|strong = "H3318" children|strong = "H5768",  
and|strong = "H3318" those who nurse|strong = "H3243"  
from|strong = "H3318" breasts|strong = "H7699".

L et the|strong = "H3318" bridegroom go|strong = "H3318"  
out|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H2205" his|strong = "H6942"  
room|strong = "H2315",

and the bride of her chamber.

17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD weep between and the altar,

and let them say, "Spare your people, LORD,

and don't give your heritage to reproach,

that the nations should rule over them.

Why should they say amongst the peoples,

'Where is their God?'

18 Then the LORD was jealous for his land,

and had pity on his people.

19 The LORD answered his people,



“ Behold|strong = ”H2005”,<sup>3</sup> I|strong = ”H2005” will|strong = ”H3068”  
send|strong = ”H7971” you|strong = ”H5414” grain|strong = ”H1715”,  
new|strong = ”H8492” wine|strong = ”H8492”, and|strong = ”H3068”  
oil|strong = ”H3323”,

a nd|strong = ”H3068” you|strong = ”H5414” will|strong = ”H3068”  
be|strong = ”H5750” satisfied|strong = ”H7646” with|strong = ”H0854”  
them|strong = ”H5414”;

a nd|strong = ”H3068” I|strong = ”H2005” will|strong = ”H3068”  
no|strong = ”H3808” more|strong = ”H5750” make|strong = ”H5414”  
you|strong = ”H5414” a|strong = ”H5414” reproach|strong = ”H2781”  
amongst the|strong = ”H0853” nations|strong = ”H1471”.

20But|strong = ”H3588” I|strong = ”H3588” will|strong = ”H0776”  
remove|strong = ”H7368” the|strong = ”H0853” northern|strong = ”H6830”  
army|strong = ”H5927” far|strong = ”H7368” away|strong = ”H5080”  
from|strong = ”H5921” you|strong = ”H3588”,

a nd|strong = ”H0776” will|strong = ”H0776” drive|strong = ”H5080”  
it|strong = ”H5921” into|strong = ”H0413” a|strong = ”H3588” barren  
and|strong = ”H0776” desolate|strong = ”H8077” land|strong = ”H0776”,

i ts|strong = ”H0853” front|strong = ”H6440” into|strong = ”H0413”  
the|strong = ”H0853” eastern|strong = ”H6931” sea|strong = ”H3220”,

a nd|strong = ”H0776” its|strong = ”H0853” back|strong = ”H5927”  
into|strong = ”H0413” the|strong = ”H0853” western|strong = ”H0314”  
sea|strong = ”H3220”;

a nd|strong = ”H0776” its|strong = ”H0853” stench|strong = ”H0889”  
will|strong = ”H0776” come|strong = ”H5927” up|strong = ”H5927”,

a nd|strong = ”H0776” its|strong = ”H0853” bad smell|strong = ”H6709”  
will|strong = ”H0776” rise|strong = ”H5927”.”

S urely|strong = ”H3588” he|strong = ”H3588” has|strong = ”H0776”  
done|strong = ”H6213” great|strong = ”H1431” things|strong = ”H1431”.

21Land|strong = ”H0127”, don’t|strong = ”H0408” be|strong = ”H0408”  
afraid|strong = ”H3372”.

<sup>3</sup> + 2:19 “Behold”, from ,”□□□□□□“ means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

**B**e|strong="H0408" glad|strong="H8055" and|strong="H3068"  
rejoice|strong="H8055", for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588"  
LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" done|strong="H6213"  
great|strong="H1431" things|strong="H1431".

22Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372",  
you|strong="H3588" animals|strong="H0929" of|strong="H7704"  
the|strong="H3588" field|strong="H7704";

**f** or|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" pastures|strong="H4999"  
of|strong="H7704" the|strong="H3588" wilderness|strong="H4057"  
spring up|strong="H5375",

**f** or|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" tree|strong="H6086"  
bears|strong="H5375" its|strong="H5414" fruit|strong="H6529".

**T**he|strong="H3588" fig|strong="H8384" tree|strong="H6086"  
and|strong="H6086" the|strong="H3588" vine|strong="H1612"  
yield|strong="H5414" their|strong="H5375" strength|strong="H2428".

23"Be|strong="H1121" glad|strong="H8055" then|strong="H0853",  
you|strong="H3588" children|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Zion|strong="H6726",

**a** nd|strong="H1121" rejoice|strong="H8055" in|strong="H0430"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", your|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430";

**f** or|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" gives|strong="H5414"  
you|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" early rain|strong="H1653"  
in|strong="H0430" just|strong="H6666" measure,

**a** nd|strong="H1121" he|strong="H3588" causes|strong="H5414"  
the|strong="H0853" rain|strong="H1653" to|strong="H3381"  
come|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" for|strong="H3588"  
you|strong="H3588",

**t**he|strong="H0853" early rain|strong="H1653" and|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H0853" latter|strong="H4456" rain|strong="H1653",  
as|strong="H3068" before|strong="H7223".

24The threshing floors will be full of wheat,

and the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

25I will restore to you that the locust

the great locust, the grasshopper, and the caterpillar,

my great army, which I sent amongst you.

26You will have plenty and be

and will praise the name of the LORD, your God,

who has dealt wondrously with you;

and my people will never be disappointed.

27You will know that I am amongst Israel,

**a** nd that I am your God there is no one else;

**a** nd my people will never be disappointed.

28“It will happen afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;

**a** nd your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

**Y** our old men will dream dreams.

**Y** our young men will see visions.

29And also on the servants and on the handmaids in those days,

**I** will pour out my Spirit.

30I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth:

**b**lood, fire, and pillars of smoke.

31The sun will be turned into darkness,

**a** nd the moon into blood,

**b**efore the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.

32It will happen that whoever will call on the LORD’s name shall be saved;

**f**or in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape,

**a**s the LORD has said,

**a**nd amongst the remnant, those whom the LORD calls.

3“For|strong = ”H5921”, behold|strong = ”H7200”, in|strong = ”H5921”  
those|strong = ”H3605” days,

a nd|strong = ”H1121” in|strong = ”H5921” that|strong = ”H3605”  
time|strong = ”H1961”,

w hen|strong = ”H1961” I|strong = ”H3651” restore the|strong = ”H3605”  
fortunes of|strong = ”H1121” Judah and|strong = ”H1121” Jerusalem,

2I|strong = ”H3117” will|strong = ”H1571” gather all|strong = ”H3117”  
nations,

a nd|strong = ”H3117” will|strong = ”H1571” bring them|strong = ”H1992”  
down|strong = ”H5921” into|strong = ”H5921” the|strong = ”H0853” valley  
of|strong = ”H3117” Jehoshaphat;

a nd|strong = ”H3117” I|strong = ”H3117” will|strong = ”H1571” execute  
judgement on|strong = ”H5921” them|strong = ”H1992”  
there|strong = ”H1992” for|strong = ”H5921” my|strong = ”H5921” people,

a nd|strong = ”H3117” for|strong = ”H5921” my|strong = ”H5921” heritage,  
Israel, whom they|strong = ”H1992” have|strong = ”H1571” scattered  
amongst the|strong = ”H0853” nations.

T hey|strong = ”H1992” have|strong = ”H1571” divided  
my|strong = ”H5921” land,

3and|strong = ”H0776” have|strong = ”H0776” cast|strong = ”H5414” lots  
for|strong = ”H0776” my|strong = ”H5414” people|strong = ”H1818”,

a nd|strong = ”H0776” have|strong = ”H0776” given|strong = ”H5414”  
a|strong = ”H5414” boy for|strong = ”H0776” a|strong = ”H5414” prostitute,

a nd|strong = ”H0776” sold a|strong = ”H5414” girl for|strong = ”H0776”  
wine, that|strong = ”H0784” they|strong = ”H0776” may|strong = ”H0776”  
drink.

4“Yes, and|strong = ”H0935” what|strong = ”H3372” are|strong = ”H3117”  
you|strong = ”H6440” to|strong = ”H0935” me|strong = ”H6440”, Tyre  
and|strong = ”H0935” Sidon,

**a** nd|strong = "H0935" all|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H6440" regions  
of|strong = "H3068" Philistia?

**W** ill|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H6440" repay me|strong = "H6440"?

**A** nd|strong = "H0935" if you|strong = "H6440" repay me|strong = "H6440",

**I** |strong = "H3117" will|strong = "H3068" swiftly and|strong = "H0935"  
speedily return|strong = "H0935" your|strong = "H3068" repayment  
on|strong = "H3117" your|strong = "H3068" own|strong = "H6440"  
head|strong = "H6440".

**5**Because|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H1961"  
taken|strong = "H1961" my|strong = "H3605" silver and|strong = "H3068"  
my|strong = "H3605" gold,

**a** nd|strong = "H3068" have|strong = "H1961" carried my|strong = "H3605"  
finest treasures into|strong = "H1961" your|strong = "H3068" temples,

**6**and have sold the children of Judah and the children of Jerusalem to the  
sons of the Greeks,

**t** hat you may remove them far from their border.

**7**Behold, I will stir them up out of the place where you have sold them,

**a** nd will return your repayment on your own head;

**8**and I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hands of the children  
of Judah,

**a** nd they will sell them to the men of Sheba,

**t** o a faraway nation,

**f** or the LORD has spoken it."

**9**Proclaim this amongst the nations:

“ Prepare for war!

**S**tir up the mighty men.

**L**et all the warriors draw near.

**L**et them come up. <sup>10</sup> Beat your ploughshares into swords,

**a**nd your pruning hooks into spears.

**L**et the weak say, 'I am strong.'

<sup>11</sup>Hurry and come, all you surrounding nations,

**a**nd gather yourselves together."

**C**ause your mighty ones to come down there, LORD.

<sup>12</sup>"Let the nations arouse themselves,

**a**nd come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat;

**f**or there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

<sup>13</sup>Put in the sickle;

**f**or the harvest is ripe.

**C**ome, tread, for the wine press is full,

**t**he vats overflow, for their wickedness is great."

<sup>14</sup>Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!

**F**or the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

<sup>15</sup>The sun and the moon are darkened,

**a**nd the stars withdraw their shining.

<sup>16</sup>The LORD will roar from Zion,

**a** nd thunder from Jerusalem;  
**a** nd the heavens and the earth will shake;  
**b** ut the LORD will be a refuge to his people,  
**a** nd a stronghold to the children of Israel.  
17“So you will know that I am the LORD, your God,  
**d** welling in Zion, my holy mountain.  
**T** hen Jerusalem will be holy,  
**a** nd no strangers will pass through her any more.  
18It will happen in that day,  
**t** hat the mountains will drop down sweet wine,  
**t** he hills will flow with milk,  
**a** ll the brooks of Judah will flow with waters;  
**a** nd a fountain will flow out from the LORD’s house,  
**a** nd will water the valley of Shittim.  
19Egypt will be a desolation  
**a** nd Edom will be a desolate wilderness,  
**f** or the violence done to the children of Judah,  
**b** ecause they have shed innocent blood in their land.  
20But Judah will be inhabited forever,  
**a** nd Jerusalem from generation to generation.



21I will cleanse their blood  
that I have not cleansed,  
for the LORD dwells in Zion.”